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"—Figure 6 illustrates an alternate application of the toy top assembly 3 when it is held inverted on a horizontal plane. The spinning tip, 6 if integral or 32 if discrete, will cast a shadow 42 on the rotational inertia member 2 surface when exposed to a light source originating from a position above the plane of the rotational inertia member 2. The sun, as a light source itself, moves in an arcuate path 37 relative to a stationary earth position during the course of a day and will have a varying declination during the course of the year. Arcuate path 37 represents a winter month and arcuate path 38 represents a summer month for an observer in earth's northern hemisphere. During the course of a day the sun will continuously move from 39 to 40 to 41 relative to the observer. These discrete positions might represent morning, noon and evening respectively. On the surface of the rotational inertia member 2, an arcuate curvilinear form 44 which follows the path traced by the tip of the spinning tip 6 or 32 during the course of a day allows the observer to rotationally align the inverted toy top assembly 3 to a deterministic position relative to earth. By aligning the shadow from the spinning tip 6 or 32 to the arcuate curvilinear form, the user may thereby orient him or herself to markings or textual notations 43 on the surface of the rotational inertia member 2 or on a label 11 affixed to the rotational inertia member 2 in order to establish a bearing. Such curvilinear forms for different months and geographical latitudes placed onto the rotational inertia member 2 allow the present invention to serve as a rudimentary navigational device in addition to a toy top 3. "

Page 17, change ABSTRACT

"The invention comprises a toy top wherein a single or plurality of compact discs are used as rotational inertia members to form a toy top assembly. The compact disc may have labels containing printed matter affixed thereto for added appeal or to meet the

requirements of an intended application. The toy top comprises a rotational inertia member and a top spindle with a spinning tip and a gripping stem, said gripping stem providing means by which to manually drive the top into a spinning state of motion. With the addition of a curvilinear form to the under surface of said rotational inertia member, the device may be held inverted and horizontal to form a navigational device with said spinning tip functionally serving as a gnomon."

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"—The invention comprises a toy top spindle having a central axis and an associated label, wherein a ~~single or plurality of compact discs are~~ disc is used as a rotational inertia members member to form a toy top assembly. ~~The compact disc may have labels containing printed matter affixed thereto for added appeal or to meet the requirements of an intended application.~~ The toy top spindle comprises a rotational inertia member and a top spindle with a spinning tip, a threaded cylinder and a gripping stem, said threaded cylinder providing means to fixedly clamp said compact disc onto a medial portion along said toy top spindle central axis, said gripping stem providing means by which to manually drive the top into a spinning state of motion. The compact disc may have labels containing printed matter affixed thereto for added appeal or to meet the requirements of an intended application. With the addition of a curvilinear form to the under surface of said rotational inertia member, the device may be held inverted and horizontal to form a navigational device with said spinning tip functionally serving as a gnomon."

CLAIMS:

Cancel the claims of record (1 to 20) and substitute new claims 21 to 35 as follows:

21. A top spindle for use with a single or plurality of rotational inertia members comprised of compact disc media storage disks to form a toy top assembly, said top spindle having a spindle axis, said rotational inertia member comprising a rigid disk having a mounting